

### **REMARKS**

Applicants' respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's confirmation that the drawings submitted with the last response are acceptable.

Claims 1-4, 8, 12, 23, and 27 have been canceled.

Claims 5-7, 9-11, 13-17, 19-20, 22, 26, 28-29, 31-32, 35, and 37 have been amended.

The Examiner has objected to claims 17, 25, and 26 due to informalities.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection in view of the amendments made to the claims pursuant to the Examiner's comments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2-7, 9-22, 24-26 and 28-37 under 37 CFR §112

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to the claims in

view of Applicant's cancellation of some claims and amendments to the remaining claims I in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicants acknowledges the Examiner's comments regarding common ownership of the claims at the time the inventions were made.

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 9-12, 15-19, and 37 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Knazek in view of Goffe and either Barbera-Guillem et al. Or Woolner and of claim 13 being rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Knazek in view of Goffe and either Barbera-Guillem et al. Or Woolner taken further in view of Pickering.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 5-7, 14, 20-22, 24-26, and 28-36 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112.

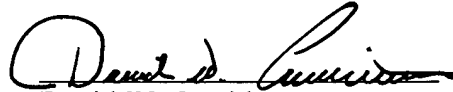
Applicants have amended the claims deemed allowable by the Examiner in accordance with the Examiner's requirements. Applicants believe all of the remaining independent claims and dependent claims are allowable over the prior art cited in view of Applicants' amendments to the claims to include features not taught by any single reference or combination thereof.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and receipt of the formal Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (502) 452-1233 to discuss any such remaining issues.

Enclosed is a check to cover the cost of the petition fees. Please charge for any underpayment or credit and overpayments to Counsel's deposit account 50-0642.

Respectfully submitted,

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